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SUBJECT: W/W ARRESTS: STEFAN REED NEWELL

1. SUBJECTS ATTORNEY DR ORLANDO LENIS-BONILLA RECEIVED LETTER DATED SEPT 26 FROM MRS MARGARET SAWKA, 21 ROLLING RD CLAYMONT DEL 19703, SAYING SHE IS STEFAN'S GRANDMOTHER AND THAT SHE IS SENDING CHECK FOR 3,000 DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA. LETTER ADDS QTE IF STEFAN CANNOT BE RELEASED, THE EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO RETURN THE MONEY TO ME ENDQTE.

2. DR. LENNIS SAYS HE CANNOT GUARANTEE RELEASE OF HIS CLIENT. EMBASSY BELIEVES ATTORNEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN "NEGOTIATING" SUBJECT'S RELEASE BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, AS STATED REFTTEL, SUCH NEGOTIATIONS NEVER DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY, AND 3,000 DOLLARS NOT UNUSUAL ATTORNEY'S FEE.

3. EMBASSY EXTREMELY RELUCTANT ACCEPT AS "TRUST FUND" ATTORNEY'S FEES WITH STRINGS ATTACHED, THUS IMPLYING WE CONDONE PROCESS OF BUYING FREEDOM OF PRISONER CHARGED WITH NARCOTICS OFFENSE. FEES REQUESTED BY ATTORNEYS CAN BE SENT THROUGH COMMERCIAL BANKING FACILITIES. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER NOT ACCEPTING SUCH DEPOSITS FOR EMBASSY DSIBURSAL EXCEPT FOR SMALL SUMS CLEARLY EARMARKED

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